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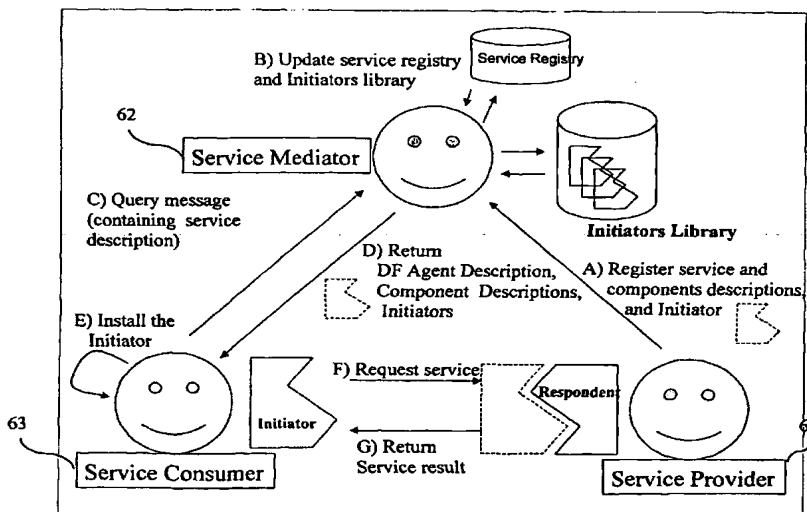
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(57) Abstract: A service component enables client/server interactions even when information on the content language and/or interaction protocol required for the service the client agent has requested from the service agent is not known *a priori*. The service component has a generic structure comprising a plurality of role components which perform the service interaction between the client agent and the server agent and which provide sufficient information on the interaction requirements to enable the requested service to be provided.



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